Workers Welfare Fund set up under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund Act, 1976 is used for providing housing, medical, education and recreation facilities for Beedi Workers.

There is no proposal for setting up any other fund for beedi & tabacco workers since no restrictions have been imposed on the beedi & tobacco industry rendering the workers surplus.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of above.

Beedi Workers of Karnataka

2092. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) lack of concrete assurance to beedi workers of Karnataka that their employment levels would not be negatively affected; and

(b) whether Labour Ministry will formulate policies to ensure full employment for such poorer sections?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) It is felt that there is no significant threat of unemployment among beedi workers in Karnataka at Present.

(b) The Governemnt are already implementing a number of employment and training related schemes like IRDP, JRY, TRYSEM, DWCRA, Employment Assurance Scheme (in backward tribal blocks) for poorer sections in rural areas. The Government have recently decided to set up separate Department for dealing with employment and poverty alloviation of rural and urban poor.

Workers Sent to Foreign Countries

2093. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state what is the State-wise number of workers sent to various countries during the period 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1st April, 1994 to 31st December, 1994 with the name of the countries?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The statistical data on Emigration Clearances and Emigration Clearance Not Required (ECNR) enforesments is maintain on calender year basis. These statistics are compiled on country-wise basis and since 1993 on State-wise basis as well. Prior to 1993, the State-wise data was not compiled. The data indicating breakup of State-wise clearances/endorsements to each of the country is not maintained. Statements indicating Clearances/ Endoresements issued during the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, Country-wise and Clearances/Endoresements issued during the years 1993 and 1994, State-wise, are attached at statement-I and II respectively.

Statement-I

Number of workers granted Emigration Clearances/ECNR endorsements, country-wise, during the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994.

Country	1991	1992	1993	1994
Bahrain	8,630	16,458	15,622	13,806
Oman	22,333	40,900	29,056	25,142
United Arab Emirates	15,446	60,493	77,066	75,762
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	1,30,928	2,65,180	2,69,639	2,65,875
Kuwait	7,044	19,782	26,981	24,324
Others	7,121	13,971	19,974	20,476
TOTAL	1,91,502	4,16,784	4,38,338	4,25,385